

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE  
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe has sole sovereign authority to determine the best use of resources and land within the reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council has previously determined through Resolution 11-99-267 that it is in the best interests of the Tribe to improve the Whiteriver Airport and the Council approved Whiteriver Airport improvements of 4 inches of asphalt paving for the airport runway to enable large and small planes to land safely in Whiteriver; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council approved this request and affirms its decision herein believing that completing the airport's improvements in one project serve the best interests of the Tribe and its people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Planner has now returned and advised the Council of a deficiency in the expected funding for the airport for completion of the project in the amount of \$608,930 to meet the required cost to complete all improvements to the airport; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires that as much of this required funding come from the agencies and departments which utilize the airport to a great extent, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs via its Fire Management Unit, and therefore requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide all or as much of the required funding for completion of airport improvements, totaling \$608,930, because of its substantial use of the Whiteriver Airport.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs provide the additional \$608,930 required for completion of the Whiteriver Airport improvements.

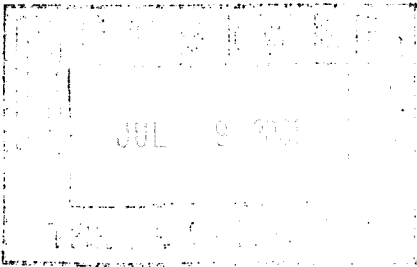
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it makes this request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs due to the Fire Management's substantial use of the Whiteriver Airport for suppressing wildland fires and the Tribe believes continuation of this service is essential to its people and the fulfillment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs trust responsibility which will be greatly enabled through the constructed improvements to the airport.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it requests Bureau of Indian Affairs give this funding request the highest priority due to the immediate need for completion of the improvements to the Whiteriver Airport

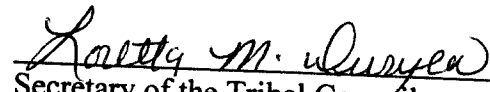
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while the contractor is mobilized for this project to keep the costs for improvement low for all parties who utilize the airport.

The foregoing resolution was on June 20, 2001 duly adopted by a vote of SIX for and ZERO against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article IV, Section 1 (a), (c), (h), (i), (j), (t), and (u) of the Constitution of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe September 30, 1993, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 12, 1993, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



  
Chairman of the Tribal Council

  
**ACTING** Secretary of the Tribal Council